



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "All of us - we should do everything we can to make sure this country lives up to our children's expectations." ~ President Barack Obama

December 17, 2014

ESL In-Class Tutors

Tutors are needed to assist students learning basic English language skills in the English as a Second Language (ESL) class at the MCCSC Adult Education Broadview Learning Center. In-class tutors assist the teacher with individual students from 12:30-3:30 p.m. four days a week. This is a great opportunity to experience a variety of cultures, as students come from all around the world! Minimum age is 18. Please contact Diana Hoffman at (812) 330-7731 ext. 53187 or dhoffman@mccsc.edu. (www.mccsc.edu/adulted)

Photographers for 'First Day Trail Run and Walk' - Jan. 1

Monroe Lake is hosting its 'First Day Trail Run and Walk' at Fairfax State Recreation Area on Jan. 1 and is seeking four photographers from 3-5:30 p.m. Amateur photographers are welcome - if you just enjoy taking snapshots of people, you'll do fine! Photographers must have their own digital cameras and give full permission for their photographs to be digitally distributed to, and downloaded by, participants. They must also grant rights to Monroe Lake to use all photos. Photographers may include a small watermark/logo or signature in one lower corner of each photo, if they choose. Volunteers will enjoy a complimentary hors d'oeuvres buffet immediately following the event. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Jill Vance at (812) 837-9967 or jvance@dnr.in.gov. (www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2954.htm)

Restoring the Hinkle-Garton Farmstead - Jan. 19

The Hinkle-Garton Farmstead, headquarters of Bloomington Restorations, Inc, will host its annual Martin Luther King Jr. day of service from 2-4 p.m. on Jan. 19. The day will focus on restoration of the historic fence rows by removing the invasive plants that are currently crowding them. This is the first step toward eventual re-planting of the fence rows with native plants and trees. Minimum age is 16; 5 if with an adult. Please contact Danielle Bachant-Bell at (812) 336-6141 or hgvvolunteers@gmail.com. (www.bloomingtonrestorations.org)

Windfall Dancers Work Day - Jan. 19

Windfall Dancers invites community volunteers to join them between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Jan. 19, as they install ballet barres in the studio, organize files, and, weather permitting, paint a fence. Your support will help Windfall keep Bloomington dancing! Minimum age is 11; 4 if with an adult. Please contact them at (812) 334-0505 or school@windfalldancers.org. (windfalldancers.wordpress.com)

Service Trip to Guatemala to Build Playgrounds (March 14-22 and May 16-25)

Play360 is offering two alternative break trips to Guatemala in 2015, one over spring break (March 14-22) and the second in early summer (May 16-25). Play360 trains organizations to build low-cost, sustainable playgrounds to improve education in the developing world, by increasing student engagement, parent involvement, and teacher effectiveness. The trip consists of 4-5 days of playground construction and teacher training with remaining days spent touring the sites (ziplining through the rainforest, relaxing in volcanic hot springs, visiting local markets and exploring UNESCO world heritage sites.) The \$1500 program fee covers all in-country expenses (housing, food, travel, activities listed above) for the entire trip. Volunteers commit to fundraise an additional \$1,000 for the local community and the playground itself. This is an opportunity to authentically experience life in Guatemala while making a real difference. No experience is required; all people age 18 and over are welcome. Register online or contact Sarah Rosenbaum at (812) 269-6335 or sarah@play360.org. (www.play360.org)

Community Wish List Spotlight

Monroe County History Center

Collects, preserves, researches, interprets and exhibits the genealogy, history, and artifacts of Monroe County, and helps fit the life of the county into the story of the State of Indiana and of the U.S. as a whole. To grant a wish, please contact Martha Wainscott at (812) 332-2517 ext. 3 or educationcoord@gmail.com (202 E. 6th St.; www.monroehistory.org)

Wishes: (2) iPads, pickup truck in good, running condition

Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit bloomington.in.gov/volunteer or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

